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The Honorable George E. Brown, Jr.
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
2300 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Brown:

I write in support of H.R. 4726, the Opportunities in Science and Technology Act of 1992, introduced on April 1, 1992 by you and Representatives Lloyd and Boucher.

With the continuing failure of U.S. schools to educate Americans for responsible citizenship or to train students properly for employment in an increasingly technological world, there is a growing necessity to provide alternative opportunities for education in science and technology. H.R. 4726 speaks to this need in a highly constructive manner. It will permit existing nonprofit institutions to enhance their efforts in ways that are appropriate to local communities. Moreover, the Bill deals directly with what has become the greatest stumbling block for local programs: the availability of appropriate and safe facilities. Science and technology education depends on effective interaction between the learner and the natural world. No matter how gifted the teacher, people need to touch, feel, smell, and see to learn science and to sustain their curiosity. Consequently, science programs are often too expensive an undertaking even for dedicated institutions. By addressing the need for facilities, the Bill is realistic and therefore likely to achieve its aims.
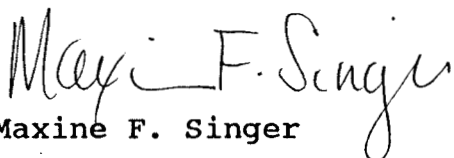
All who are concerned with advancing the economy and the
spirit of our country, as well as the prospects of our citizens
for interesting and productive jobs will, I am certain, join in
applauding the adoption of this Bill by the Congress.

If I may be of any assistance in fostering the success of
the Bill please let me know.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Maxine F. Singer

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